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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the thirty three (33) documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in the above-identified patent application. Copies of these references are enclosed.

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- 2. U.S. Patent No. 4,200,862, granted April 29, 1980 to Campbell et al.;
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- 32. Electric Light & Power, "IOU's Welcome Telecommunications Reform," (1996);
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